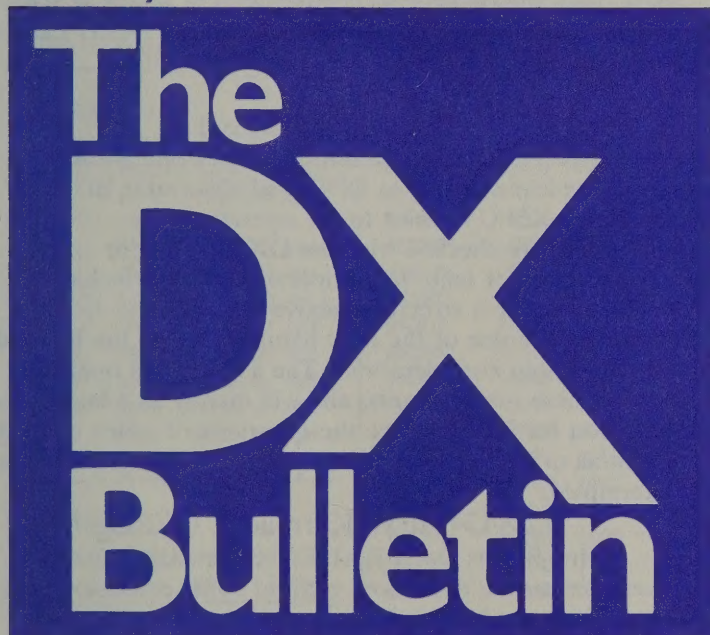


Pratas Island - BV9 The BV9P DXpedition is officially set for May 25-June 5, with an international team led by Ken Chang BV2RA, a Senator in the ROC government, and Dr. Bolin Lin BV5AF, President of the CTARL. They will have four Yaesu stations, two with FL-7000 amplifiers on the following frequencies: CW: 3504, 7004, 10104, 14024, 18074, 21024, 24894, and 28024 kHz; SSB: 1827, 3795, 7045(EU), 7065(NA), 14195, 18125, 21295, 24945, and 28495 kHz; RTTY: 7082, 14082, 21082. Operating suggestions can be faxed to pilot stations BV2WC (886-2-3952503) or BV2HH (886-3-9170424). QSL manager is Steven Wheatley KU9C, 12 Netherton Terrace, Morristown NJ 07960. Operator Wayne Mills N7NG suggests DXers be on their best behavior and strictly obey all pile-up control requests. Also, avoid band/mode dupes.

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Fiji - 3D Steve AA6LF and Bob N6EK will operate as 3D2LF and 3D2EK May 29-June 12. Try 14260, 21260, and 7058 kHz on SSB and 5 kHz up on CW. They will pay particular attention to Europe and US East Coast. QSL 3D2LF to AA6BB and 3D2EK to N6EK.

Aruba - P4 Bob Brockman WX4G will operate as P40J May 24-June 14, including a single-op, all-band entry in the WPX CW test May 27-28. Outside of the contest, try the new bands and 80 and 160 meters. QSL to WX4G.

Bahamas - C6 Steve Rutledge N4JQQ is again active as C6AFP from Treasure Cay (NA-080) June 3-17, including six- and two-meter operation in the ARRL VHF QSO Party, grid FL-16. He'll also be active on 40, 30, and 17 meters. QSL to his home address: 1611 Loudon Heights Road, Charleston WV 25314.

Reserve Your Island - WPX CW

- **WJ20/VP9** is Dave Farnsworth WJ20 May 24-31, from Southampton Parish. Single-op, low-power entry in WPX CW; otherwise CW on the new bands. QSL home call.
- **DX1EA** is Olli Rissanen OH0XX/DU1, in a single-op, all-band entry. QSL to Olli at P. O. Box 373, Ayala-Alabang Village, 1799 Muntinlupa MM, Philippines.
- **HV4NAC** will be active on all bands; QSL direct or via the Italian bureau to IK0FVC.
- **YL7T** is active from Latvia; QSL to Box 265, Riga 50, Latvia LV-1050.
- **WP3/WX9E** will air one of Puerto Rico's new prefixes, in a multi-operator entry with N0BSH and NP4Z. QSL WP3/WX3E and NP3/N0BSH via WX9E.
- **XU95IIA** is the contest call of XU7VK; QSL via HA0HW.
- **EG1RD** is active until May 31, including the contest; QSL via EA1NK. (425 News.)
- **AA3BG** returns to Puerto Rico for a single-operator, all-band entry. "Prefix will be issued later." QSL via Box 766, Brooklyn NY 11230.
- **IQ4T** is an all-band, low-power entry, operated by IK4SXJ; QSL to IK4HVR.
- **ZF2NE** is Joe W5ASP; QSL home call.

Shortly Noted

- The 1995 Navassa DXpedition has been indefinitely postponed, due to transportation difficulties.
- **VP2V/NY3F** is active until May 31. ((DXNL.))
- **ZF2VV** is Nao NX1L June 16-18, including RTTY operation. QSL home call. (JDN.)
- **4S7/JA4FM** starts his low-band operation on 7045 kHz at 1600Z and then goes to 3795-99.
- **SSB Nets: 14226** (1530, 1900Z): EL2RR WH0AAV A41LD JT1BG BZ5HAN P29EP XX9AS 9V1ZP V85BG 9M8DB BV4AS BV4FH.
- **RTTY: UN5PR** is often on 14084 kHz at 0130Z. Spots: A71A 14083 1705Z; VP8CQS 14079 1925Z.

Islands On The Air

- **DL7IIX/p** operates from Foehr Island (EU-042) to June 9, CW on 40, 30, and 20 meters. (425 News.)
- See **Fiji** entry; Steve 3D2LF and Bob 3D2EK hope to operate from both the Mamanuca Group (OC-121) and the Yasawa Group (OC-156) for a couple of days each sometime during the two-week DXpedition.
- **DL8MCA** plans operations from some Ireland Islands, including (EU-121), (EU-006), and (EU-115), in June.
- **TM5RE** is active this weekend from Re Island (EU-032); QSL via F5PJA.
- **IT9ABY, IT9ORA, and IT9GAI** will operate from Femmine Island (EU-166) May 26-28. QSL via IT9ABY.
- **G4WFZ** will try to activate a New One from the Cyprus Coastal Group 06-15Z May 27. QSL home call.
- **JW2FL** will begin an operation from Bear Island (EU-027) at the end of May, concentrating on 20 meters.

Propagation

Forecast and Historical Data

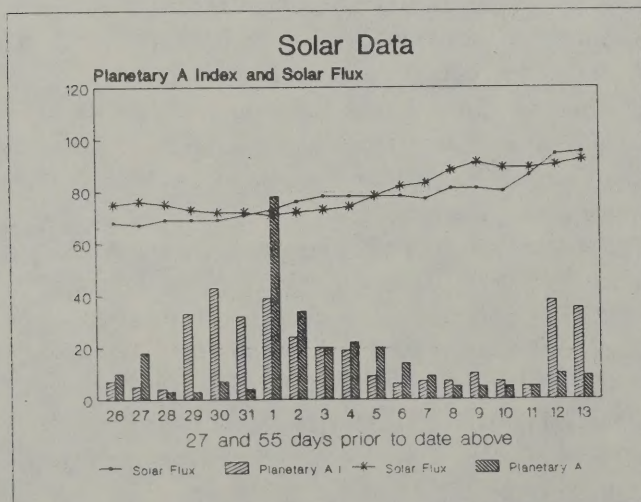
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May, 1995	Date Flux A K	Date Flux A K
26 High Normal	4/29 68 05/07 1	4/1 75 06/10 3
27 High Normal	4/30 67 02/05 0	4/2 76 16/18 1
28 High Normal	5/1 69 03/04 1	4/3 75 00/03 0
29 Below Normal	5/2 69 35/33 4	4/4 73 02/03 0
30 Disturbed	5/3 69 35/43 3	4/5 72 07/07 2
31 Below Normal	5/4 71 30/32 3	4/6 72 03/04 2
June, 1995		
1 Disturbed	5/5 73 28/39 3	4/7 71 46/78 4
2 Low Normal	5/6 76 21/24 2	4/8 72 23/34 2
3 Low Normal	5/7 78 16/20 2	4/9 73 17/20 2
4 Low Normal	5/8 78 15/19 2	4/10 74 22/22 2
5 High Normal	5/9 78 10/09 2	4/11 78 16/20 4
6 Above Normal	5/10 78 07/06 2	4/12 82 14/14 2
7 High Normal	5/11 77 08/07 2	4/13 83 07/09 0
8 High Normal	5/12 81 09/07 1	4/14 88 03/05 1
9 High Normal	5/13 81 10/10 2	4/15 91 01/05 0
10 High Normal	5/14 80 10/07 2	4/16 89 02/05 1
11 Above Normal	5/15 86 04/05 1	4/17 89 04/05 1
12 Disturbed	5/16 94 29/38 4	4/18 90 07/10 3

Propagation Watch

DXers enjoyed a short burst of solar activity last week, thanks to Sunspot Region 7871. Solar flux rose above 90 on May 19. That is enough solar flux to open 10 meters, but the duration of the higher solar activity as not long enough to significantly change the degree of ionization in the ionosphere. As a result, the bands were better than in recent days, but not dramatically so.

The forecast is for good conditions this weekend, followed by a period of below-average conditions into the beginning of June. The bands should then improve significantly into the second week of June. However, as we approach the summer solstice, we encounter seasonal increases in D-layer absorption, lowering maximum useable frequencies (MUFs) and reducing signal-to-noise ratios. Thus DXers should make good use of the good conditions in the next few weeks. Pay particular attention to the high-latitude and polar paths when the K index is low; there have been some excellent openings into India, etc., recently.

Meanwhile, Six Meters has been hot, as we enter the summer E-skip season.



North Korea on Air for First Time

Martti Laine, OH2BH, announced today from Vladivostok, Russia, that the first authorized Amateur Radio operation took place from North Korea on May 14. They signed P5/OH2AM.

The Finnish business delegation, including OH2BC, OH2BH, and OH0XX, experienced difficulties with Russian border guards while trying to enter North Korea (DPRK). The delegation was held for 26 hours waiting clearance. During that time they activated R0/OH0XX from the border region.

Once in the DPRK, they report they were warmly hosted by government and telecom officials. During their 17-hour stay they were part of a series of business activities and their on-the-air time was limited. Some 20 QSOs were made on two occasions (14 MHz SSB and 7 MHz CW).

The group presented four Yaesu HF/VHF transceivers for training purposes, and for actual Amateur Radio activity which is now scheduled for later this year.

The DPRK Telecom delegation will be participating in the first Beijing DX Convention this October. While there, they will observe Amateur Radio in action at BY1PK and will meet with CRSA officials, including IARU Liaison, Mr. Chen Ping BZ1HAM.

BS7H Land-Based

The 1995 BS7H Scarborough Reef operation was "land-based," according to DXCC administrator Bill Kenamer K5FUV. Prior to the operation, the DXpeditioners checked with the DXCC desk for exact requirements for land-based operation. These included having all support structures above the high-tide line, not increasing the size of the rock naturally above the high-tide line, and other considerations. The 1995 BS7H operation met all these requirements, and will qualify as a land-based operation for DXCC, once the questions of which country it is (China or the separate country of Scarborough Reef) is determined.

ZL8/G4MFW Kermadec QSLing

Mrs. Phyllis Davis KA1JC, QSL manager for the recent Kermadec operation, clarifies some confusion over her QSLing practices:

"Barry prefers that QSL cards not be sent via the bureau system, but directly to me, KA1JC (Callbook address). I would appreciate the standard SASE, and, in the case where foreign mailing is required, equivalent in US postage would be appreciated.

"As is the case with any costly DXpedition operation, donations would be very much appreciated, but certainly not required, to help offset the extremely high expenses of this operation."

(s) Mrs. Phyllis Davis KA1JC, 5282 Boyle Terrace, Port Charlotte FL 33981.

QSLs Received

- From managers: 5X5THW (DL8KAW, 1 MO); 9M8BT (N5FTR, 3 WKS); FG5FC (F6DZU, 6 WKS); HP8ADU (HP8AQF, 5 MOS); J28FD (F5LBM, 1 MO); R1FJL (JA3AFR, 7 WKS); VP2EN (AA4NC, 10 DAYS); VP2MDQ (K5TSQ, 4 MOS); VP2MR (N5DXD, 3 MOS).
- Direct: A71CW (1 MO); BV2FG (2 WKS); BV7FF (2 WKS); BV7WB (2 WKS).

B • A • N • D • P • A • S • S

Key to Bandpass: Callsign, frequency, UTC, day of the month, state. * = long path. P = packet.

All "portable" calls listed with country of operation first, regardless of format used on the air.

RTTY

5N5FSR	21084	1145	30	OH
9G1BS	14084	2349	8	MN
CN2HW	14083	1125	11	OH
EO50WL	14088	2041	11	MO
FO5NL	14076	0245	7	OH
GI0BQX	14085	2317	10	MN
HL5AWS	14084	1221	13	MN
HL5AWS	14083	2322	13	CA
ON4UN	14087	1753	12	MN
SM6CTQ	14087	2155	11	MO
SP7IIT	14086	2048	11	MO
SV1ADG	14085	1810	12	MN
UN5PR	14085	0132	15	MO
UP5OP	14084	0145	10	OH
UT7I	14081	0503	14	CA
VY2RO	14084	0155	12	OH
ZP5YW	14082	2335	29	OH

80 Meters

CX3ABE	3505	0955	8	NH
JA1CGM	3503	0955	11	NH
KC4/	3602	0538	13	IL
UA3YH	Antarctica			
KH6CF	3504	0920	10	NH
KP4YD	3505	0950	11	NH
LU6MFD	3507	0948	12	NH
PY1BGJ	3505	0940	11	NH
PY2BW	3505	0945	11	NH
VK4WR	3506	0956	8	NH
ZL3ABV	3510	0915	9	NH
ZL3NE	3505	0945	12	NH
ZL4IE	3504	1000	8	NH

75 Meters

HL2DNN	3795	1017	10	VA
LU2FA	3800	1006	12	VA

40 Meters

4X4WD	7003	0105	2	GA
6W6JX	7010	0535	6	MO
6W6JX	7008	2346	4	NB
7P8SR	7004	0332	11	UT
8J3RPF	7056	0930	11	AR
CP6IB	7003	0237	6	VA
CX5BW	7002	0315	19	IA
EA6NB	7003	0555	19	IA
EW8BR	7004	0110	10	GA
FK8FU	7003	1209	6	CA
FK8HC	7009	0800	14	IL
GU3EJL	7070	2345	5	VA
HC5AI	7005	0831	6	CA
HJ0VGJ	7009	0346	8	NH
HJ0VGJ	7009	1215	17	IA
HK5QG	7008	0832	14	CA
JD1BIZ	7007	0839	14	CA
KC4/	7010	0530	13	IL
UA3YH				
KG4ZE	7003	2319	5	NH

RA0FU	7008	1115	15	IA
SV8JE	7008	0333	8	NH
T30EG	7085	0610	19	IA
TG9AQ	7008	1212	6	CA
V31VT	7008	0614	14	CA
Z32XA	7001	0055	5	VA
ZL2VS	7009	0819	14	IL

30 Meters

3B8CF	10101	0250	16	MO
EA8CN	10103	2323	13	MN
FK8GJ	10101	0640	14	CA
JA1LZR	10101	1130	14	MO
LY2RR	10102	0301	14	MN
OA4FW	10105	1110	13	MN
OH3FM	10113	0341	13	MN
OM3CMM	10114	0241	13	CA
R1FJL	10108	2321	14	GA
UA2FCB	10102	0415	14	GA
UA4AGW	10108	0305	14	MN
ZL3RG	10111	0711	8	CA

20 Meter CW

4K8F	14020	0230	16	IA
4K9W	14023	0355	15	IA
4L5O	14031	2157	14	GA
4N1KT	14008	1600	14	ID
4S7WP	14026	1511	13	UT
4X4WN	14009	0032	13	CA
8S3BG	14032	1647	15	ID
9A3UF	14025	2017	10	IN
9K2MU	14007	0506	11	UT
9M2AX	14026	1245	13	GA
9V1ZV	14017	1310	15	IA
9Y4VU	14029	1233	13	GA
BV2A	14027	1540	15	IA
BV4LQ	14042	1607	15	ID
BV6ER	14011	1453	13	UT
BV7FC	14010	1500	14	UT
BV7FF	14018	1420	13	UT
BV7FZ	14018	1300	14	IL
BV7GJ	14016	1447	13	UT
BV7WB	14022	1250	13	IL
CP4BTX	14014	0009	12	IN
EK4JJ	14022	0010	15	IA
EO50WL	14008	0347	12	ID
EO50WL	14027	1154	9	SC
ES1WN	14017	1351	12	MO
ES2RW	14010	0015	12	GA
ET3YU	14030	2202	14	GA
EU5OA	14041	1602	15	ID
EX8MD	14027	0218	11	UT
EZ8BO	14026	0134	15	ID
FK8GJ	14036	0431	16	UT
FM5CW	14037	1734	7	GA
FM5CW	14032	2139	6	NH
FO5OU	14002	0352	12	ID
FS5HI	14039	0201	14	GA
HC5AI	14027	0018	12	IN
HC5AI	14025	1315	12	UT
HL5AP	14003	2142	13	UT
HL5BVQ	14025	1303	13	IL
HL9DC	14027	0137	15	UT

HL9DC	14026	1045	15	NJ
JT1AS	14008	0022	11	VA
JW0H	14025	0240	16	MO
JW0H	14028	1415	9	CO
KG4MN	14009	0010	11	GA
LA9AU	14005	1934	12	MN
LY2IC	14040	1605	15	ID
LZ1LZ	14023	2332	10	MN
NH2G	14001	1530	13	GA
OX3XR	14026	2330	14	GA
R1FJL	14003	1429	13	UT
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S92SS	14041	0000	13	IA
S92VG	14012	2108	12	CA
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TG9YV	14030	2332	11	GA
TU2XZ	14009	0003	14	UT
UA0AZ	14040	0035	9	GA
UA0KCL	14024	1349	13	IL
UA9CE	14010	0241	14	NJ
UK8AX	14007	0130	14	MO
UN8CWA	14023	0227	11	UT
UN9P	14026	0240	15	MO
US4IIL	14033	0332	12	ID
V73C	14044	1223	13	GA
VR2NR	14033	1752	15	ID
VU2BK	14025	0150	16	MO
YL2UJ	14001	1853	13	MN
YO3AC	14024	0029	12	IN
Z32JA	14035	1613	15	ID

20 Meter SSB

3V8BB	14218	2351	5	VA
4L5O	14190	2035	14	IA
4S7EA	14187	0120	16	IA
4X6PU	14262	2305	12	AR
4X6TT	14211	2226	7	MD
5N3/	14227	2255	8	NB
SP5XAR				
5V7MD	14162	2317	5	SC
5Z4FO	14200	1910	19	IA
9G1BS	14227	0020	11	GA
9G1BS	14243	1103	13	AR
9K2HN	14224	1634	10	CA
9K2MU	14186	2105	14	IA
A41LD	14185	0240	15	IA
A71A	14196	1850	14	CA
A71AK	14196	1850	14	CA
A71BI	14169	2110	14	SC
A71BY	14170	1949	8	MD
A92BE	14195	0300	12	AR
A92FZ	14219	2300	11	AR
BV8BC	14208	1423	13	IL
C21DJ	14220	1000	14	AR
DU1COO	14200	1149	15	AR
DU1KT	14172	1203	14	AR
FH5CB	14240	2250	13	MO
FK8FI	14195	0400	16	IA
FO0DEH	14188	0145	11	AR
FS5GL	14195	2253	8	MD
HS0ZAH	14196	1544	14	CA
JW0C	14216	0126	11	AR
OD5NJ	14211	2350	14	CA
P29BZ	14216	1045	14	AR

P29SC	14226	1150	14	SC
P43DO	14209	2238	7	MD
RA9UR	14221	0041	15	AR
S01MZ	14264	2135	9	MD
TA2DS	14225	0108	13	AR
UA0AD	14206	1135	15	AR
UN2E	14212	0130	11	AR
UN8LA	14168	0140	13	CA
UN8LA	14215	1120	13	AR
UT0H	14202	0446	14	CA
V21CD	14250	0045	10	MD
VR6YL	14180	0335	18	IA
VS6WV	14185	1125	13	AR
WH0AAV	14220	0618	14	CA
Z32ZM	14212	0147	13	AR

17 Meter CW

8P6EB	18081	2123	14	GA
A71CW	18069	2144	13	NH
HJ0VGJ	18075	2123	14	GA
PZ1DV	18077	2104	14	GA
S92SS	18086	2201	13	NH
YI9CW	18076	1815	13	OH

17 Meter SSB

EX8MF	18131	1829	13	CA
OM9XR	18132	1732	13	CA
S92YL	18155	2038	7	MD
VK4AAR	18124	0357	14	IL

15 Meter CW

FO5OU	21037	0236	14	IL
LU5DYV	21008	1806	14	UT
LU9FAA	21010	2220	13	NH
PY2OO	21025	2230	13	NH
S92SS	21028	1630	13	GA
TG9YV	21030	2100	14	GA

15 Meter SSB

3V8BB	21300	2047	15	IL
HC1XL	21307	2242	10	AR

12 Meter SSB

5T5JC	24947	2045	7	MD
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10 Meter SSB

FM5DN	28495	2321	9	MD
ZP5RG	28394	2209	9	MD

6 Meters

XE1BUU	50125	0241	16	IL
XE2BEF	50125	0309	16	IL

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
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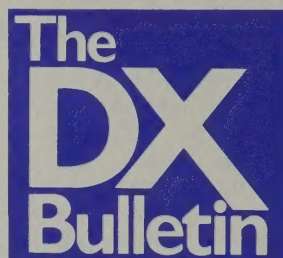
Current and Future DXpeditions

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(Changes and hot info in boldface.)

<u>DXCC Country</u>	<u>Prefix</u>	<u>Callsign</u>	<u>Dates</u>	<u>Issue</u>
Afghanistan	YA/	UT9XL	now active	I782
Andamans	VU7	VU2JPS	14196 02Z	I786/8
Angola	D2	D2YX?	to Oct.	I787
Aruba	P4	P40J	May 24-June 14	I790
Ascension	ZD8	ZD8WD	Mar. -Sept.	I776
Bahamas	C6	C6AFP	June 3-17	I790
Barbados	8P	8P9GU	to May 31	I788
Bermuda	VP9	WJ2O/	May 24-31	I790
British Virgin Is.	VP2V	/NY3F	to May 31	I790
Burundi	9U	/F5FHI	now active	I786
Cape Verde	D4	D44BC	June 1-13	I785
Cayman Islands	ZF	ZF2NE	WPX CW	I790
Fiji	3D	3D2XC	May 26-29, June 7-11	
		3D2LF/EK	May 29-June 12	I790
ITU Hq.	4U0	ITU	May 25-29	I786
Lebanon	OD5	OH1NOA/	to Aug.	I771
Liechtenstein	HB0/	DL8SET	May 24-28	I788
		HB0/DA1WA	June 1-18	I789
Madeira	CT3	/DLs	to May 29	I787
Malawi	7Q	7Q7XT	May 11-June	I787
Malta	9II50	VE	May	I788
Market Reef	OJ0	OH0/OH8AA	May 25-29	I788
Mount Athos	SV	SV0GV/3	July 6-9	I787
Pratas Island	BV	BV9P	May 25-June 5	I789
Puerto Rico	KP4	AA3BG	WPX CW	I790
		WP3/WX9E	WPX CW	I790
Romania	YO	/F6AJA	May 14-26	I788
Rwanda	9X	/ON4WW	thru June	I786/7
Sao Tomé	S9	S92YL	15/17M SSB	19-21Z
Seborga (?)	1P	1P0P	May 26-29	I789
Sri Lanka	4S7	/JA4FM	7045/1600Z	I790
Tanzania	5II	OH2BBF	to mid-June	I784
Tuvalu	T2	T20XC	June 1-6	I789
Vatican	IV	IV4NAC	WPX CW	I790
Vietnam	3W	3W5FM	now active	I787
		XV7SW	low bands soon	I788
Western Samoa	5W	5W1GEH	now active	I788
Zaire	9Q	9Q2L	now active	I788

<u>DXCC Country</u>	<u>Callsign</u>	<u>Freq.</u>	<u>UTC</u>
Azerbaijan	4K8F	14020	0230-04Z
Azerbaijan	4K9W	14023	0400Z
Franz Josef Land	R1FJL	20M CW	00-0300Z
Greenland	OX3XR	14026	2330Z
India	VU2BK	14025	0200Z
Israel	4X6TT	14205±	2300Z+
Kazakhstan	UN9P	14019±	0245Z
Kazakhstan	UN8LA	20M SSB	0200Z
Korea	HL9DC	14026	0130, 1100Z
Kuwait	9K2MU	14180±	2100Z+
Lesotho	7P8SR	7004	0330Z Thurs.
Macedonia	Z32ZM	14205±	0145Z+
Mauritius Island	3B8CF	10101	0300Z
Mongolia	JT1AS	14020±	0030Z+
New Caledonia	FK8HC	7005±	08-1100Z



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São Tomé	S92VG	14013	21-2400Z
Sri Lanka	4S7WP	14026	1500Z
Taiwan	BV7FC	20M CW	15-1800Z
Turkmenistan	EZ8BO	14028±	0130Z

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May 27-28	CQWW WPX CW Contest
June 17-18	Asian CW DX Contest
July 21-23	Pacific Northwest DX Convention
Aug. 25-26	New Orleans DX Convention